of States where the Act is being implemented, have requested Central Government to amend the Urban Land Ceiling Act to make it more effective and workable. The suggestions made by them include increase in rate of compensation, redefining the terms 'family', 'vacant land' 'land appurtenant', simplifying various cumbersome procedures prescribed in the Act, etc. On the basis of the suggestions made by the State Governments, eminent persons, various organisations, this Ministry has formulated appropriate proposals for making amendments in the Act. These proposals were discussed in the Chief Ministers' Conference held in New Delhi on 7-3-92. There was a general agreement on the nature of amendments suggested in the Act in order to increase the supply of vacant land without diluting the social purpose of the Act. The Govt. considered these proposals and has decided that the matter may be placed before the Inter State Council. The Government will take a decision in the matter after the matter is considered by the Council.

(e) As per the information furnished by the State Governments/UTs 2,16,688.64 hectares of land has been identified as excess vacant land. Out of this 30,519.05 hectares of excess vacant land has been acquired under the Act by the State Governments/ UTs.

Master plan prepared by Brahamputra Board

357. SHRI RAM NARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Master Plan prepared by the Brahamputra Board; and

(b) the prasent stage of implementation of these plans?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) The Brahamaputra Board has prepared Master Plan Part-I for main stem of Brahmaputra river costing Rs. 32000 crores and Master Plan, Part-II for Barak Sub-Basin costing Rs. 2500 crores and these have been sent to North-Eastern States and other appraising agencies for their comments. The Board is currently engaged in the work of preparation of Master Plan, Part-III covering flood management plans of different sub-basins of Brahmaputra and Barak rivers. So far Master Plans for 30 sub-basins out of envisaged 46 numbers in Part-III have been completed. Their apprisal is under process with various agencies. However, pre-construction work for Tipaimukh High Dam Project has already been taken up by the Board.

Clearance of Irrigation Projects for Assam

358. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation projects—medium and minor—sent by the Assam Government during the last three years;

(b) the number of such projects which have been cleared by the Central Government;

(c) what is the status of implementation of the projects; cleared so far; and

(d) the funds allocated for irrigation projects during the last three years, yearwise and project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Government of Assam has sent proposals of 5 medium irrigation projects during the last three years from July, 1989 to June, 1992 for techno-economic appraisal in Central Water Commission.

Minor irrigation projects are not required to be sent to the Centre for investment clearance.

(b) After examination, 4 medium projects namely Simen, Krishnai, Dikhow and Burai were sent back to the State Government due to basic planning deficiencies relating to water availability design flood and inter-State aspects. On the fifth project, namely Buricuti as a follow up of the meeting of the officers of Central